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WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza Opening Day

Washington Jefferson Park, located at West 1st between Jefferson and Washington

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The wheels start rolling at WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza on April 4

Over the last several months rails, runs, bowls and decks have taken shape at the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza in Washington Jefferson Park. At long last, this Friday at 3 pm, the gates to this 23,000 square-foot beauty will open. To celebrate, the community is invited to join Mark Scott and the rest of the Dreamland crew for an inaugural skate on opening day from 3-5pm. The free to skate park will be open daily from 6am to 11pm and with the benefit of I-105 bridge cover, will allow for active recreation rain or shine.

Work on some of the other park renovations by local contractor, 2G Construction, will continue for the next few weeks and fencing will remain in place in critical areas throughout the park. Additional improvements breathing new vitality into this urban space include accessible pathways, new restrooms, bike racks, benches, drinking fountains, energy-efficient lighting, landscaping, and areas to accommodate food carts and special events.

WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza is no ordinary skatepark. It is the collective vision of thousands of local youth for more than a decade. It was designed and built by Dreamland Skateparks, with both beginners and expert skaters in mind. The iconic ribbon, the mini-snake run and the blend of varied skate terrain will ensure this skatepark is a destination for enthusiasts from around the country and will join the ranks of Eugene's many world-class sporting venues.

The grand opening celebration will be held on National Go Skate Day, Saturday, June 21. A full day of activities including skateboarding lessons, demos, live music and more are being planned.

More about Dreamland Skateparks

Dreamland Skateparks is a small, family owned company based in Lincoln City, Oregon with 24 years of experience building concrete skateparks. Owner, Mark Scott's career has evolved since 1990 when he built the skatepark under the Burnside Bridge in Portland, Oregon. Dreamland Skateparks is now a world-renowned design builder with a reputation for flawless quality and cutting edge designs. They have built over 50 public skateparks, including the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza. Being an Oregonian, this project is one of the highlights of Scott's career. www.dreamlandskateparks2.wordpress.com

More about 2G Construction

2G Construction has operated a successful general contracting business since 1983 throughout western Oregon. Unique among general contractors in the Willamette Valley, 2G is a 100% employee-owned business with a strong commitment to employee participation and involvement in management. Their twenty-nine employee-owners bring to each project a strong team with a direct stake in its success. www.2gconstruction.com

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